

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, March 2, 2020 through Sunday, March 8, 2020**MONDAY**

3/2/20¹

JAMES MARSDEN COMPLAINT (REF:1/12/20¹)

The complaint in this matter reads as follows:

Steven Cole c/o Cole Ranch alleges that Owner James Marsden is indebted to him in the amount of \$5,002.60.

Owner Steven Cole boards horses at Cole Ranch in central California. Owner Marsden owns three (3) horses that are involved with this complaint according to ranch owner Cole. The alleged rule violation in this matter is CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Owner Steven Cole made the trip to Arcadia, CA for today's informal hearing. James Marsden was suspended on January 12, 2020 (Ruling #010) for failing to appear for a hearing. Mr. Marsden requested today's hearing and he failed to appear once again. His owner's license remains suspended.

3/2/20²

DOUGLAS O'NEILL COMPLAINT (CASE #19LT0043)

The CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer Doug O'Neill for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). This complaint, presented by CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen, reads as follows.

On December 4, 2019, Trainer Douglas O'Neill entered the horse Moonlight Beach in a Maiden Special Weight race to be run on December 7, 2019 at Los Alamitos Racetrack. At the time of entry, O'Neill did not inform the Racing Office that Moonlight Beach was a gelding. O'Neill informed the Racing Office of the horse's true sex after the official program finalized for December 7, 2019.

Jockey Agent Tom Knust and Ryan Carpenter DVM were present for today's hearing. Investigator Icamen was also present and Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC)

transcribed the proceedings. Moonlight Beach was a first-time starter. Jockey Agent Knust testified that Trainer O'Neill has taken steps to insure that 'this issue' will not happen again. Decision to follow.

3/2/20³

DOUGLAS O'NEILL COMPLAINT (CASE #20SA0031)

Jockey Agent Tom Knust remained in our office to represent Trainer Doug O'Neill in an event that was very similar to the previous matter listed above. CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen presented the case and Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings. This complaint reads as follows.

On January 15, 2020, Trainer Douglas O'Neill entered the horse 'Seizetheday Remy' in a Maiden Claiming race to be run on January 18, 2020 at Santa Anita Racetrack. At the time of entry, O'Neill did not inform the racing office that 'Seizetheday Remy' was a gelding. On January 17, 2019, the Racing Office was informed "SEIZEDTHEDAY REXY" was in fact a gelding, which was one day after the official program was finalized for January 18, 2020.

A decision regarding this complaint will be rendered after the Stewards discuss testimony given and review documents presented at today's hearing.

TUESDAY

3/3/20¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday March 6, 2020. This entry day was originally scheduled for Sunday March 1, 2020 but was switched last week by Santa Anita management. Eight (8) races will be carded for March 6. Seventy-one (71) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty to oversee the entry process.

WEDNESDAY

3/4/20¹

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

Entries for Saturday March 7 were taken today in the racing office. Steward Grant Baker was on hand in the Stewards' office to oversee matters. Twelve (12) races, highlighted by the \$600,000 Santa Anita Handicap, were drawn for Saturday. One hundred sixteen (116) horses are scheduled to face Starter Jay Slender.

Scratches and changes for Friday March 6 were handled by Assistant Clerk of Scales Charles McCall this morning in the racing office. One (1) scratch, one (1) Lasix change and one equipment change were made. All changes were activated following the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

THURSDAY

3/5/20¹

THURSDAY ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday March 8. Eight (8) races were drawn with sixty-four (64) horses scheduled to start. Decision to follow. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty today.

3/5/20²

MEETING WITH ENFORCEMENT

The Santa Anita Stewards and Safety Stewards (Ron Church & Paul Atkinson) met with several members of the CHRB Investigative staff for a meeting today that was organized and chaired by Chief of Enforcement/Licensing Shawn Loehr. Five (5) other members of the enforcement unit also attended the meeting. Mr. Loehr prepared a thorough agenda that contained thirteen (13) separate topics. A very good and important 'back and forth' was had by investigators, Stewards and Safety Stewards alike.

FRIDAY

3/6/20¹

MATT CHEW COMPLAINT (CASE #19LT0038)

Trainer Matt Chew appeared in our office for an alleged medication violation. CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz presented a forty-seven (47) page complaint at today's hearing which was transcribed by Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC). The complaint in this case reads as follows.

The official blood sample #DM15724 taken on November 16, 2019 was reported by Ben Moeller PhD of the Maddy Equine Analytical Laboratory at UC Davis to contain Phenylbutazone (520 ng/ml). This sample was obtained from the horse Brazilian Summer which ran in the 4th race at Del Mar finishing 1st. The trainer of record is Matthew Chew. A split sample analysis was declined. This violation is a Class 4 drug with a Penalty category C.

The purse of this race at Del Mar was \$18,000. Trainer Chew told the Stewards that his veterinarian, Dr. Vince Baker, properly treated his horse with Phenylbutazone roughly fifty (50) hours before this horse raced. He said he does not keep Phenylbutazone at his barn. The Stewards will review all documents related to this matter and deliberate regarding testimony given at this formal hearing. Decision to follow.

3/6/20²

DOUG O'NEILL RULING (REF: 3/2/20²)

The following ruling was issued after Jockey Agent Tom Knust and Private Veterinarian Ryan Carpenter appeared in our office on behalf of Trainer Doug O'Neill on March 2, 2020. The horse involved was a first-time starter.

LATS RULING #046

Trainer DOUGLAS O'NEILL, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) * for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse MOONLIGHT BEACH, which ran in the eighth race at LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE on December 7, 2019. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

3/6/20³

DOUG O'NEILL RULING (REF: 3/2/20³)

In a matter similar to the hearing/ruling memorialized above the Stewards' issued the following penalty in a unanimous decision. Trainer Doug O'Neill had Jockey Agent Tom Knust represent him at the formal hearing that was held on March 2, 2020.

LATS RULING #047

Trainer DOUGLAS O'NEILL, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) * for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse SEIZETHEDAY REXY, which ran in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 18, 2020. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

3/6/20⁴

RAFAEL BEJARANO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Rafael Bejarano appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the first race on Sunday February 23, 2020. Jockey Bejarano rode #7 Tower Smash in this event. She finished seventh in an eight (8) horse field. Jockey Bejarano used his riding crop nine (9) times from the 5/16ths marker to the finish. This was done even though his mount showed no response. In a unanimous decision the Stewards' issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #048

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(4) (Use of Riding Crop – when the horse is clearly out of the race or has obtained its maximum placing), during the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 23, 2020.

3/6/20⁵

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Mutuel Manager Randy Hartzell is off today for personal reasons. Don Sanborn was today's replacement.

3/6/20⁶

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

3/6/20⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

2nd Race #9 SEE THROUGH IT should read 'lasix'
 #12 EQUIPO A should read 'first time lasix'

3rd Race #3 LUCKY ROMANO (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, L. Ruiz, trainer
 #4 TROMADOR (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed, R. Hanson, trainer
 4th Race #4 TIME FOR EBBY (Tr. M. Chew) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
 6th Race #5 IMPRESSION (Tr. B. Spawr) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer—VOIDED-
 Unsound
 #6 CAPTIVATE (Tr. M. Puype) claimed, V. Belvoir, trainer
 7th Race #3 TIG TOG (IRE) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, V. Cerin, trainer
 8th Race Declaration #9 SASH (GB) (Tr. Mark Glatt) Enter Back- Stewards
 REFUND: \$ 1,554.90

3/6/20⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,398	\$596,464.25
SCOTWinc	3,737	\$1,245,811.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,810,464.13
Total	7,135	\$6,652,739.98

SATURDAY

3/7/20¹

PETER MILLER RULING

Trainer Peter Miller failed to submit form CHRB-194 (Authorized Bleeder Medication) prior to entering HOFFA'S UNION who participated in the eighth race today. For the late registration Trainer Miller accepted the following penalty over the telephone.

LATS RULING #049

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration of HOFFA'S UNION in the eighth race) on March 6, 2020, at Santa Anita Park.

3/7/20²

FERRIN PETERSON RULING (REF: 02/22/20 (4))

Apprentice Jockey Ferrin Peterson DVM provided us with information regarding recent employment and internships she has pursued while holding an apprentice certificate. The details of Ms. Peterson's apprentice extension are detailed in the ruling below.

LATS RULING #050

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1500 (Apprentice Jockey), Apprentice Jockey FERRIN PETERSON, is granted an extension of her apprentice certificate for a period of TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE (275) days, for good cause (education). The apprentice license of FERRIN PETERSON will terminate at midnight on February 24, 2021, or until she has ridden her fortieth (40th) winner whichever comes first.

3/7/20³

VERY GOOD CARD

15,256 were on hand today an outstanding twelve (12) race card that was highlighted by the Grade I \$600,000 Santa Anita Handicap. Members of the Santa Anita Thoroughbred Club received a very nice 'tote bag' with paid admission. The Santa Anita pari-mutuel department reported an all sources handle of \$17,486,155.21 for today's program that commenced at 11:30 a.m. There were no Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objection's today.

3/7/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1ST Race Declarations #7 DIVA IN CHARGE (Tr. P. Eurton) Sick-Tim Grande DVM
 #10 DANCEFORMUNNY (Tr. R. Baltas) Injured-Tim Grande DVM
 REFUND TOTAL: \$4,112.89
 6th Race No Show Wagering
 7th Race Declaration #12 ABBY HATCHER (IRE) Flipped behind gate—Stewards
 REFUND: \$29,886.58
 10th Race Declaration #4 GIFT BOX (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards
 REFUND: \$10,751.14

10th Race Jockey Change #6 COMBATANT J. Rosario for U. Rispoli (Double Jockey Fee)
11th Race #11 POSIT (Tr. S. Callaghan) claimed, V. Cerin, trainer

3/7/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	15,256	\$2,321,397.15
SCOTWinc	6,818	\$2,601,069.82
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$12,120,547.04
Total	22,074	\$17,043,014.01

SUNDAY

3/8/20¹

MATT CHEW RULING

The Stewards issued the following ruling in a unanimous decision. This is Trainer Chews' first Class 4 violation in the last 365 days. This is his fourth Phenylbutazone violation since March 2017.

LATS RULING #051

Trainer MATHEW CHEW, who started the horse BRAZILIAN SUMMER, first place finisher in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 16, 2019, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* pursuant to #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), for violation of #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

3/8/20¹

MICHEL POINCELET INFORMAL HEARING

Valet Michel Poincelet appeared in the Stewards' office after receiving two (2) 'Violation Notices' that were issued by Santa Anita Security Guard Fernando Valenzuela. These two (2) gentlemen were at today's hearing. Also present were Ben Denovel (Santa Anita Security) and Darin Scharer (Winners' Foundation).

Santa Anita security officers have issued two (2) tickets to Valet Poincelet for parking his motorcycle inside the 'South Battery Admission Entrance' which is not designated as a parking area. According to Security Guard Valenzuela, Poincelet was additionally told by former Santa Anita Chief of Security Lou Scalera not to park inside the admission gates.

Valet Poincelet was involved in an 'incident' in the jockeys' room at Del Mar Racetrack on Breeders' Cup weekend, in November 2017. Details of Stewards involvement in the adjudication of that matter are memorialized in Los Alamitos Thoroughbred minutes (REF: 12/01/17 (4) & 12/10/17 (3)).

Valet Poincelet pled guilty to willfully refusing to obey the lawful orders issued by the Santa Anita security department. Darrin Scharer (Winners' Foundation) will work with Mr. Poincelet, once again, overseeing meetings with the goal of improving this veteran Valets' demeanor. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #052

Jockey Valet MICHEL POINCELET is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – disobedience to Santa Anita Security / unauthorized parking) on February 29, 2020 and March 3, 2020, at Santa Anita Park. Also Mr. Poincelet must revisit Winners Foundation for further anger management evaluation.

3/8/20¹

NEIL DRYSDALE RULING

Trainer Neil Drysdale accepted the penalty below in what was a unanimous decision. Trainer Drysdale failed to remove his trainee 'Cosmo' off of the authorized bleeder medication list prior to the time of entry.

LATS RULING #053

Trainer NEIL DRYSDALE is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration (off Lasix) of COSMO in the sixth race) on March 8, 2020, at Santa Anita Park.

3/8/20¹

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well, as it was free of any Stewards' and/or jockey objections.

3/8/20¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

2nd Race Declarations #2 FELLOW CITIZEN (Tr. P. Miller) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
 #5 CRYIN' CHUCK (Tr. J. Sadler) Flipped in Paddock-Dr. Stead
 #6 MONCEROS (Tr. R. Lucas) Sick- Tim Grande DVM
 REFUND TOTAL: \$9,254.38
 2nd Race NO WAGERING ONLY
 3rd Race #7 PAPA TURF (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
 6th Race Declaration #5 LEPRINO (Tr. R. Mandella) Injured—Dana Stead DVM
 REFUND: \$2,011.52

3/8/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,169	\$1,011,880.06
SCOTWinc	4,490	\$1,504,133.11
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,402,842.86
Total	9,659	\$7,918,856.03

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 3/02/20 TO 3/08/20

Horses on Vet List 10
 Horses off Vet List 12
 Shock Wave Therapy 4
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/6	Sat 3/7	Sun 3/8	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	3	0	0	3	51
Claims	5	1	0	6	85
Disqualification s	0	0	0	0	7
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	10
Refunds	3	4	2	9	170
Rulings	3	2	3	8	47
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	7

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward

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